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**In re the application of:** Voges et al.

**Docket No.** EFIM0252

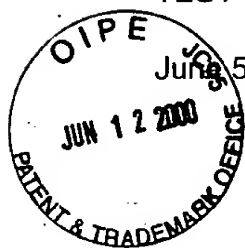
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**For:** TCL\_PLI, A FRAMEWORK FOR REUSABLE, RUN TIME CONFIGURABLE  
TEST BENCHES



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Washington DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 3, 23-29, and 36 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said one or more interpreters comprise a Tcl script running on a Tcl server that runs on a separate thread from said simulation.